GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:851
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2002
FAIR PRICE SHOPS AND CONSUMERS
RASA SINGH RAWAT

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fair price shops in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) the list of consumer items being sold through these fair price shops, rate-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide all consumer items to all needy persons through these shops thus doing away with the APL & BPL demarcation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SH KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a): A Statement is enclosed in this regard.

(b),(c)&(d): Fair Price Shops are set-up to distribute essential commodities to the ration card holders under the Public Distribution System. The State Governments have been advised that Fair Price Shop owners should be encouraged to enlarge the basket of commodities by adding non-PDS items for sale through PDS outlets at the retail prices to be fixed by them.

There is no proposal to provide all consumer items through these shops.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 851 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 22-11-2002 IN THE LOK SABHA.

Sl. No.	States/ UTs	Number of fair price shops
1.	Uttar Pradesh	74,788
2	Maharashtra	49,819
3.	Bihar	41,818
4.	Andhra Pradesh	40,631
5.	Assam	32,347
6.	Tamil Nadu	27,886
7	Orissa	24,665
8.	West Bengal	20,437
9.	Karnataka	20,372
10.	Rajasthan	19,904
11.	Madhya Pradesh	18,688
12.	Gujarat	14,458
13.	Kerala	14,183
14.	Punjab	13,982
15.	Uttaranchal	7,697
16.	Chhatisgarh	7,866
17.	Haryana	7,230
18.	Meghalaya	4,237
19.	Himachal Pradesh	3,957

20. Delhi 3,133
21. Jammu & Kashmir 2,926
22. Manipur 1,928
23. Tripura 1,432
24. Arunachal Pradesh 1,135
25. Sikkim 1,071
26. Mizoram 1,011
27. Goa 534
28. Pondicherry 405
29. A & N Islands 404
30. Nagaland 351
31. Chandigarh 121
32. Dadra & Nagar Haveli 78
33. Daman & Diu 38
34. Lakshadweep 35
35. Jharkhand @ NA

Total 4,59,567